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1. REF, TOGETHER WITH YOUR OTHER REPORTING AND ANALYSIS, HAS BEEN ~~MY~~ MOST HELPFUL IN OUR ENDEAVORS TO SORT OUT HERE WHO IS TRYING TO DO WHAT TO WHOM IN SAIGON. OUR CRYSTAL BALL ~~XXX~~ ALSO REMAINS MURKY FOR THE SAME REASONS AS YOURS.

2. THE CABLE IS A MOST IMPERFECT MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION. FROM REF PARA FOUR IT LOOKS AS IF ONE OF OUR CONCERNS MAY HAVE GOTTEN GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION. WE DID NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST THAT THIEU ~~WAS~~ WAS DELIBERATELY OVERREACTING OR EXPLOITING THE EVENTS 8 OCTOBER IN ORDER "TO OPT OUT OF FUTURE COOPERATION WITH US EFFORTS IN THE PARIS PEACE TALKS." NONETHELESS, I PERSONALLY HAVE THE STRONG SUSPICION (WHICH SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES SHARE) THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIEU MAY HAVE BEEN RUNNING UP WHAT HE FANCIED A SUBTLE SIGNAL THAT HE WAS ALREADY FARTHER OUT IN FRONT OF PUBLIC OR

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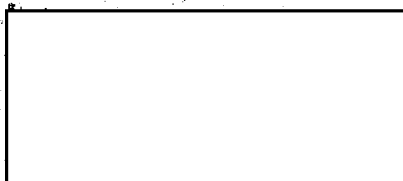
MILITARY OPINION THAN IT WAS SAFE TO BE ON A WHOLE RANGE OF PEACE-RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, NEGOTIATIONS, BRINGING SOME VC BACK INTO THE POLITICAL FOLD, POLITICAL COMPETITION, ETC. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S LATEST WRAP-UP (SAIGON 40136), PARTICULARLY THE SECOND SENTENCE, SUGGESTS THAT THIEU MAY INDEED HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING PRECISELY THIS MESSAGE ACROSS.

3. IN ANY EVENT, EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS ILLUSTRATE ONCE AGAIN THE COMPLEXITY IN VIETNAMESE ~~RECENT~~ POLITICS AND THE DIFFICULTY OF CERTAIN ANALYSIS IN LIGHT OF THE ROUSHOMON SHEEN WHICH TINGES ALL VIETNAMESE POLITICAL HAPPENINGS. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, WE FIND THE REPORTING AND INTERPRETIVE COMMENTS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ~~PRO~~ PROVIDE IS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE HERE.

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